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SENATE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois Senate are saddened to learn of the death of Annie Jean Cobbins of Madison, formerly of Chicago, who passed away on May 22, 2012; and

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WHEREAS, She was born on December 30, 1956, in Isola, Mississippi, the daughter of Ella B. and Annie B. (Wilson) Cobbins; she attended Beethoven Elementary School and graduated from Jean Baptiste DuSable High School in Chicago; and

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WHEREAS, She accepted Christ at an early age and joined Old Ship of Zion Baptist Church under the leadership of Reverend Otis L. Anderson Jr.; and

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WHEREAS, She worked for the City of Chicago Park District and Housing Authority for many years; and

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WHEREAS, She was very outspoken; she was an avid sports fan and enjoyed music, concerts, festivals, reading, and spending time with her grandchildren and friends; and

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WHEREAS, She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Annie Spann; and her brother, Robert Earl Wilson; and

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1           WHEREAS, Annie Jean Cobbins is survived by her sons,  
2           Taurice     (Lyn-Nell)     Cobbins     and     Keyawn     (Jeanetta)  
3           Davis-Cobbins; her stepchildren, Shojonae (Sean) and Deshawn;  
4           her grandchildren, Octavia Phillips Burton, Keanna Burton,  
5           Keyawn Burton, Drekwon Smith, Keyavian Walker-Cobbins, and  
6           Keymarion Cobbins; her parents; her siblings, Sammie Spann,  
7           Roger (Cherry) Spann, Georgia Pope, Brenda (Lane) Miller, and  
8           Arrie Wilson; her great aunt, Willie Bell; her aunts, Emma,  
9           Bernice (Bryant), Elder Lenora, and Evangelist Simmons  
10          (Lenard); her uncle, Matthew (Ida); her nieces and nephews,  
11          Justin Pope, Julian Pope, Dyvonna Miller, Nathaniel Miller, and  
12          Ginger Jones; and numerous other relatives and friends;  
13          therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL  
15          ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we mourn, along with  
16          her family and friends, the passing of Annie Jean Cobbins; and  
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18           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
19          presented to the family of Annie Jean Cobbins as a symbol of  
20          our sincere sympathy.